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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/561787</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP04/06162	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 8 June 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 June 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>METHOD FOR REMOVING N2O DURING THE PRODUCTION OF NITRIC ACID</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Helge WESSEL et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional fee is required Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed. Additional documents filed herewith: PCT Transmittal Letter/Application Data Sheet/Notice of Priority/Declaration  
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